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Re: Application of Kazuhiro OMORI and Hitoshi AMITA
NIOBIUM POWDER FOR CAPACITOR, NIOBIUM SINTERED BODY AND
CAPACITOR
Assignee: **SHOWA DENKO K.K.**
Our Ref: Q78473

Dear Sir:

The following documents are submitted herewith in connection with the above application for the purpose of entering the National stage under 35 U.S.C. §371 and in accordance with the Patent Cooperation Treaty:

- ☒ a copy of the International Application.
- ☒ six (6) sheets of drawings (Figs. 1-6).
- ☒ a copy of Notification Concerning Submission or Transmittal of Priority Document.
- ☒ a copy of Written Opinion of the International Searching Authority.
- ☒ an Information Disclosure Statement and a copy of the ISR.
- ☒ a PTO/SB/08 A & B (modified) listing the ISR and other references.
- ☒ a copy of each reference listed in the PTO/SB/08 A & B.
- ☒ a Preliminary Amendment.

A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney, and a copy of the Assignment will be submitted at a later date.

In addition to the documents submitted herewith, it is assumed that copies of the International Application, the International Search Report and cited references, the International Preliminary Examination Report, and any Articles 19 and 34 amendments as required by §371(c) will be supplied directly by the International Bureau, but if further copies are needed, the undersigned will undertake to provide them upon request.

It is expressly requested that the national stage of processing be commenced immediately in accordance with 35 U.S.C. § 371(f).



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Total claims	<u>53</u>	-	20	=	<u>33</u>	x	\$50.00	=	\$1650.00
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Base Fee									\$300.00
Search Fee*									\$400.00
Examination Fee*									\$200.00

TOTAL FEE \$2950.00

* The international search fee for all claims was not paid to the USPTO, as the ISA, but the ISR is being submitted herewith.

A check for the statutory filing fee of \$2950.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

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